# As Senate hearing set for Kavanaugh, new accuser emerges

By LISA MASCARO and MARY CLARE JALONICK **Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP)

Judiciary Senate Committee has scheduled a hearing Thursday for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, a woman who says he sexually assaulted her as a teenager, as a claim of sexual misconduct emerged from another woman.

The New Yorker magazine reported Sunday night that Senate Democrats were investigating a second woman's accusation of sexual misconduct by Kavanaugh dating to the 1983-84 academic year, Kavanaugh's first at Yale University.

The New Yorker said Deborah 53-year-old Ramirez described the incident in an interview after being contacted by the magazine.

Ramirez recalled that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a drunken dormitory party, thrust his penis in her face, and caused her to touch it



In this Sept. 5, 2018, file photo, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

**Associated Press** 

she pushed him away, the Kavanaugh magazine reported.

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# Pompeo: No end to N. Korea sanctions until 'denuclearization'



In this July 20, 2018 file photo, U. S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks to reporters at United Nations headquarters.

**Associated Press** 

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Top U.S. diplomat Mike Pompeo said Sunday that economic sanctions on North Korea won't be reduced until it completes "denuclearization" after leader Kim Jong Un offered to close the North's main nuclear site in exchange for U.S. concessions.

Kim said last week at a summit with South Korea's president that he was willing to dismantle the Nyongbyon nuclear complex in the presence of outside inspectors if the U.S. takes unspecified "corresponding measures." He also promised to dismantle the North's main rocket launch site.

That has helped revive U.S.-North Korea diplomacy that had failed to make headway since President Donald Trump met Kim in Singapore in June and won a vague commitment on denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. But U.S. administration officials have yet to signal a readiness to provide the kind of incentives that Pyongyang wants.

Pompeo also wouldn't be drawn on whether the U.S would consider a declaration on ending the Korean War that the North has sought as a sign of reduced U.S. "hostility." The war ceased without a peace treaty in 1953.

"Everybody's got their own idea what a concession might be.

Some thought it was a concession for President Trump to go to Singapore. I certainly didn't think so; President Trump doesn't,"

Pompeo told "Fox News Sunday."

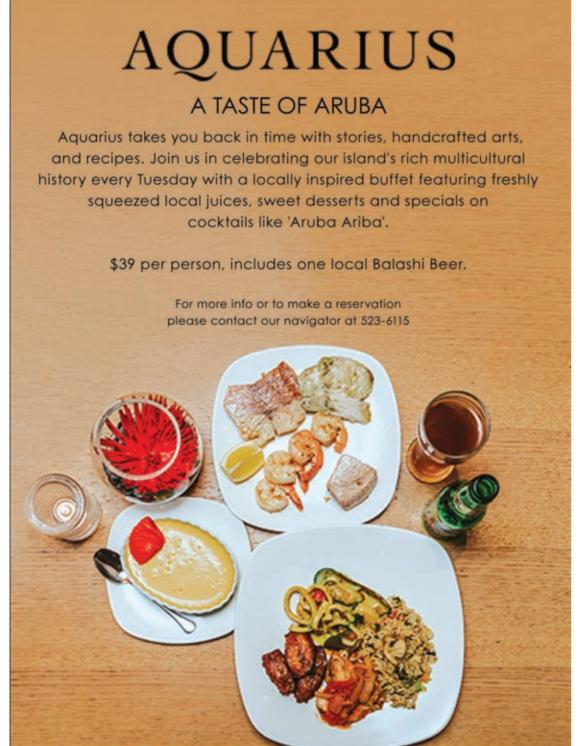
"But what we've made clear is the economic sanctions — the driving force to achieve the outcome we're looking for will not be released. And the U.N. Security Council will not reduce those sanctions, until such time as we've achieved that final denuclearization," he said. Pompeo has invited his North Korean counterpart for a meeting on the sidelines of the annual gathering of world leaders at the U.N. this week. Trump, who is considering a second summit with Kim, will be meeting South Korean President Moon Jae-for a debrief on the allied leader's recent visit to Pyongyang.

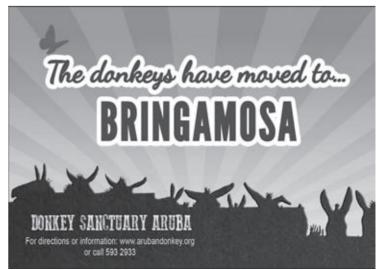
U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Nikki Haley, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that Trump is not interested in "half measures" and wants North Korea to allow inspectors at all its sites to verify denuclearization.

"I think what President Trump has said is we're not going to do any half measures. We have to make sure that we're thorough in this. There are multiple sites in North Korea, and we need to have inspectors in all multiple sites if that's going to happen," she said.

North Korea is suspected to have secret sites linked to its nuclear weapons program in addition to the plutonium and uranium production facilities at Nyongbyon.

While North Korea has halted nuclear and missile tests since late last year, it hasn't moved to abandon its nuclear arsenal of an estimated 40 to 60 bombs.





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The magazine reported that Ramirez was reluctant at first to speak publicly "partly because her memories contained gaps because she had been drinking at the time of the alleged incident." She also acknowledged reluctance "to characterize Kavanaugh's role in the alleged incident with certainty."

The magazine reports that after "six days of carefully assessing her memories and consulting with her attorney, Ramirez said that she felt confident enough of her recollections" to recall the incident.

The new information came hours after the Senate committee agreed to a date and time for a hearing after nearly a week of uncertainty over whether Ford would appear to tell her story.

The agreement and the latest accusation set the stage for a dramatic showdown as Kavanaugh and Ford each tell their side of the story. The developments could also determine the fate of Kavanaugh's confirmation, which hangs on the votes of a handful of senators.

It had seemed assured before Ford, a 51-year-old California college professor, went public a week ago with her allegation that Kavanaugh assaulted her at a party when they were in high school.

Kavanaugh, 53, an appellate court judge, has denied Ford's allegation and said he wanted to testify as soon as possible to clear his name. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-lowa,

wrangled with Ford's lawyers for the last week over the exact terms of her appearance. She made several requests, some of which were accommodated — a Thursday hearing, three days later than originally scheduled, and a smaller hearing room with less press access to avoid a media circus, for example. Grassley's staff also agreed to let Ford testify without Kavanaugh in the room, for there to be only one camera in the room, "adequate" breaks and a high security presence. The committee said it would not negotiate on other points, though, including Ford's desire for additional witnesses and a request to testify after, not before, Kavanaugh.

"As with any witness who comes before the Senate, the Senate Judiciary Committee cannot hand over its constitutional duties to attorneys for outside witnesses," Mike Davis, Grassley's top nominations counsel, wrote in an email exchange with Ford's lawyers obtained by The Associated Press. "The committee determines which witnesses to call, how many witnesses to call, in what order to call them, and who will question them. These are nonnegotiable."

Ford's lawyers said it was still unclear who will ask questions, as Republicans were trying to hire an outside female counsel who could take over the questioning. The 11 senators on the GOP side of the dais are all men, which could send an unwanted message on live television against the backdrop of the #MeToo era. They could also use Republican staff attorneys on the

committee. Democratic senators were expected to ask their own questions.

"We were told no decision has been made on this important issue, even though various senators have been dismissive of her account and should have to shoulder their responsibility to ask her questions," the attorneys for Ford said in a statement.

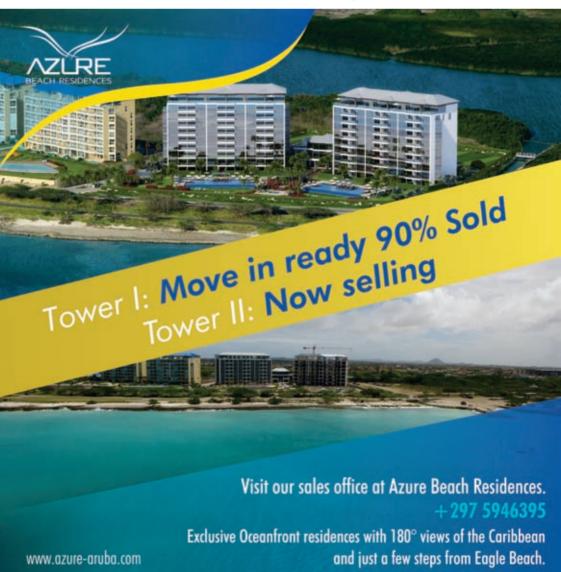
As he builds a case for his innocence, Kavanaugh plans to turn over to the committee calendars from the summer of 1982 that don't show a party consistent with Ford's description of the gathering in which she says he attacked her, The New York Times re-



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, walks through a tunnel towards the Dirksen Senate Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018.

**Associated Press** 

ported Sunday. The newspaper reported that it had examined the calendars and noted they list basketball games, movie outings, football workouts, college interviews, and a few parties with names of friends other than those identified by Ford.



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# Some Democrats warn of dangers of election overconfidence

By STEVE PEOPLES and **JUANA SUMMERS Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fight for the House majority is over.

At least that's the sense from a growing number of Democrats who are increasingly confident in their quest to seize control of at least one chamber of Congress six weeks before Election Day.

surging optimism among Democrats, usually shared in private, has begun to spill into the open as President Donald Trump's approval ratings sink and the Republican Party struggles under the weight of the president's self-imposed political crises and erratic behavior.



In this Sept. 13, 2018, file photo, former President Barack Obama shakes hands with members of the audience as he campaigns in support of Ohio gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray in Cleveland.

**Associated Press** 

Representatives," said New "I do believe Democrats Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, paign Committee. "Our

will win back the House of chairman of the Democratic Congressional Cam-

candidates are in a strong position."

Democratic confidence is particularly strong among campaign operatives who work closely with women, a critical voting bloc that has turned away from Trump's GOP in the suburban and exurban districts where the House majority will be won or lost this fall. Polls suggest women are turbocharged and eager to punish Trump's party as the voting season begins.

"I have all intentions of this institution delivering the U.S. House back for the Democrats," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY'S List, an organization that supports female Democrats. "We have the candidates in place to do that and then some."

But with the shock of Trump's 2016 victory still fresh, some Democrats are painfully aware that significant factors could emerge in the 45 days before the election that could derail their presumptive success. They're contending with massive spending by GOP super PACs, competing in gerrymandered congressional districts and are increasingly worried about some key candidates.

That's leaving some top Democrats warning their party of the dangers of overconfidence.

"This is no time for confidence.

This is no time for braggadociousness or bluster," New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Democratic presidential contender, reminded his party of Hillary Clinton's stunning loss in the last presidential contest: "If there's any complacency, if there's any resting on their laurels, we need to go

back to how people felt in the early days of November 2016."

That's a tough message to push at a time when even Republican campaign professionals publicly and privately acknowledge that conventional metrics for predicting election outcomes favor Democrats.

At this point in President Barack Obama's first term, Gallup reported the Democrat's approval rating at least five points higher than Trump's current 38 percent approval. Obama's party would go on to lose 63 House seats in 2010.

On top of Trump's low approval, Republicans this year have also been saddled by more than 40 House retirements, ceding the power of incumbency in several competitive races. And there are continued signs that the Democratic base is far more energized in the early years of the Trump era than the

"I would never tell a politician to be confident because of how the world changes," said Republican strategist Rick Tyler. "But by applying those metrics, Democrats should pick up 80 seats."

Former Democratic National Committee Chair Donna Brazile turned heads in a recent interview with ABC when she predicted a Democratic takeover in the Senate. Democrats need to pick up just two seats to claim the Senate majority, but most of the competitive Senate contests this Booker, a potential 2020 year takes place in a Republican-leaning state.

> "We're confident," Brazile said. "Not overconfident, but confident that we can run the tables in the Senate."

> Money could complicate Democrats' plans.





# U.S. considers limit on green cards for immigrants on benefits

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Trump administration has proposed rules that could deny green cards to immigrants if they use Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers and other forms of public assistance.

Federal law already requires those seeking green cards to prove they will not be a burden — or "public charge" — but the new rules detail a broad range of programs that could disqualify them.

The Department of Homeland Security said Saturday that current and past receipt of certain public benefits above thresholds would be considered "a heavily weighed negative factor" in granting green cards as well as temporary stays.

The proposal "will clearly define long-standing law to ensure that those seeking to enter and remain in the United States either temporarily or permanently can support themselves finanon public benefits," the department said.

The 447-page proposal published on the department's website will appear in the Federal Register "in the coming weeks," triggering a 60-day public com-

ment period before it takes effect.

Coming less than seven weeks before midterm elections, the announcement could help galvanize voters who have backed or opposed Trump's broad crackdown on legal and illegal immigration.

**Immigrant** advocacy groups said people may avoid or withdraw from public aid programs even at the risk of losing shelter and suffering deteriorating health because they worry they will be denied visas.

Marielena Hincapié, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, said the proposal was "an inhumane attack on the health and wellbeing of so many families and communities across the country."

"How you contribute to your community - and not what you look like or the contents of your wallet - should be what matters most," she said. "This proposed rule does the opposite and makes clear that cially and will not be reliant the Trump administration continues to prioritize money over family unity by ensuring that only the wealthiest can afford to build a future in this country."

Potentially disqualifying benefits include Medicare Part D prescription drugs,

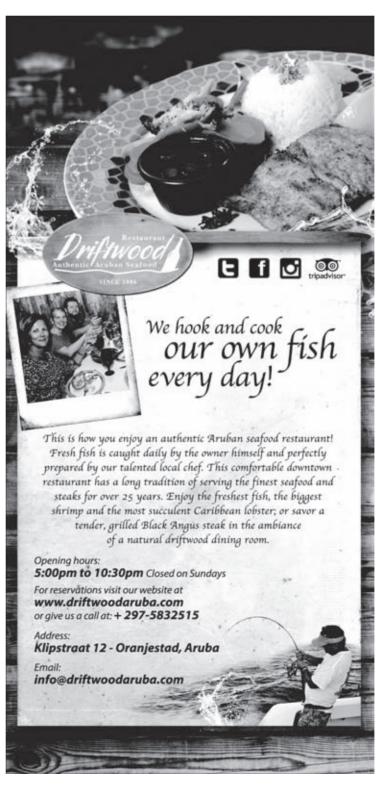


In this Dec. 10, 2015, file photo, pedestrians crossing from Mexico into the United States at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry wait in line in San Diego.

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Medicaid with some exceptions for emergency services and disability ser-

vices related to education, food stamps and Section 8 housing vouchers.











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# **Tribal members settle** abuse cases against Mormon church

By FELICIA FONSECA **Associated Press** FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) claimed they were sexuin a now-defunct Mormon church foster program decades ago filed paperwork to dismiss their cases after

made against the church by more than a dozen tribal members from the Na-

reaching financial settle-

ments, a lawyer said.

vajo Nation and Crow Tribe of Montana.

Four cases recently were Four Native Americans who settled, three were settled last year and others ally abused while enrolled reached agreements out of court.

> One case remains in Washington state.

The terms of the latest agreements are confidential and include no admis-Allegations have been sion of wrongdoing, said Craig Vernon, an attorney who represented the tribal members.



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# As aid checks go out, farmers worry bailout won't be enough

By JULIET LINDERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers across the United States will soon begin receiving government checks as part of a billion-dollar bailout to buoy growers experiencing financial strain from President Donald Trump's trade disputes with China.

But even those poised for big payouts worry it won't be enough. And while support for Trump is near unwavering in the heartland, some growers say that with the November election nearing, such disappointing aid outcomes could potentially affect their vote."It's pretty obvious that the rural agriculture communities helped elect this administration, but the way things are going I believe farmers are going to have to vote with their checkbook when it comes time,' said Kevin Skunes, a corn and soybean grower from Arthur, North Dakota and president of the National Corn Growers Association. Corn farmers get the smallest slice of the aid pie. Corn groups estimate a loss of 44 cents per bushel, but they're poised to receive just a single penny per bushel.

these issues haven't been resolved, there could be a change in the way farmers vote," Skunes said. "A person has to consider all things."

Farmers are already feeling the impact of Trump's trade tiffs with China and other countries. China has hit back hard, responding with its own set of tariffs on U.S. agricultural products and other goods.

The Trump administration is providing up to \$12 billion



Jack Maloney poses in front of the grain bins on his Little Ireland Farms in Brownsburg, Ind., Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

**Associated Press** 

in emergency relief funds for American farmers, with roughly \$6 billion in an initial round. The three-pronged plan includes \$4.7 billion in payments to corn, cotton, soybean, dairy, pork and sorghum farmers. The rest is for developing new foreign markets for Americangrown commodities and purchasing more than two dozen select products, including certain fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, meat and dairy.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced last month that soybean the same for each comgrowers will get the largest checks, at \$1.65 per bushel for a total of \$3.6 billion. China is the world's leading buyer of American soybeans, purchasing roughly 60 percent of the U.S. crop. But since Beijing imposed a 25 percent tariff on soy-

bean, imports prices have plunged.

The lack of initial detail about how the calculations were made left farmers scratching their heads. Asked about the confusion, Rob Johansson, the Agriculture Department's chief economist, responded that the USDA took into account a number of factors "including the share of production that is exported and the value of trade directly affected by the retaliatory tariffs."

"The level of damage is not modity," he said in a written response to questions submitted by The Associated

He estimated that there would be more than 784,000 applications for relief. The USDA has since released a detailed analysis of how the department made its calculations.

breakdown has stunned corn and wheat farmers who say the payments are uneven and won't do much of anything to help keep struggling farms afloat.

A lobbying group that represents wheat growers is challenging the way the administration determined payments for wheat farmers, who are set to receive 14 cents a bushel. Chandler Goule, CEO of the National Association of Wheat \$20,000 in emergency aid. Growers, said the USDA assumed U.S. wheat would be sold to China this year when it made its calculations. But the assumption was flawed, he said.

China typically makes its requests for American wheat between March and June. U.S. wheat farmers have sold, on average, 20 million bushels of wheat to China over the past three years. But none came this year, Goule said, as Trump escalated his threatening rhetoric on trade with Beijing. He hopes the per-bushel rate for wheat goes up if there's a second round of payments.

"I am very certain that we will not sell any wheat to China this year," Goule said. "The window we sell in has come and gone."

The response among farmers has been mixed. While some are grateful for the help, most are eager for the trade disputes to be quickly resolved.

"Nobody wants to have an aid package. I mean, if you're a farmer you're in the business of producing a crop. We just want a fair price for it," said Joel Schreurs, a soybean and corn producer near Tyler in southwestern Minnesota who sits on the board of both the American Soybean Association and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association.

His personal operation is about 1,000 acres. He farms an additional 500 acres with his son-in-law and other relatives. He estimates that the tariffs would cost him \$40,000 to \$50,000 in lost income and that he would get \$16,000 to Schreurs worries that it will be hard for farmers to get back the buyers they'll lose as a result of the trade wars. "And in the short term we have to find another home for those beans, otherwise they're going to pile up and it will keep prices depressed," he said.



# High school journalists stand up to censorship and win

By LISA RATHKE

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Armed with a new Vermont law that protects student journalists, four high school editors have stood up to censorship and won, prompting their school to revamp its media policy.

The Burlington High School students had posted a story on the school newspaper website that they collectively wrote on a school employee facing unprofessional conduct charges from the state. They had gotten a tip about the investigation and filed a public records request, posting the story the night of Sept. 10.

The next morning, the principal asked the students' adviser to take it down. The students quickly consulted with legal experts about what do to and wrote on the website that their article had been censored.

Days later, the principal said the students could repost the story since it had been picked up by local media. Then, Sept 15, the school did another aboutface and said it would change its policy on media, based on the New Voices law.

"I think I've learned more in the past week than I have in my entire life. It's been really incredible," senior Halle Newman, 17, said.

The big lesson is she's learned to stand up for herself and what she believes in and for their rights as a student press, she said. They've also witnessed how important journalism is to a community, she said, from the community reaction and support.

"I think on a larger scale we've just learned how important and how vital the first amendment is to just our country, and our society and our government," said senior Nataleigh Noble, 17.

Burlington High School Principal Noel Green didn't return a phone call seeking comment. The school district announced Sept. 15 that "all previously practiced or adopted guidelines regarding publications in the BHS Register are no longer in effect." The school board, and the administration, will develop a written policy consistent with the new law, in a process involving the students, the district said.

"The New Voices law is intended to ensure free speech and free press protections for public school students in order to encourage students to become educated, informed, and responsible members of society," the district said. Thirteen states have passed similar legislation.

"The importance of this case was that it really did provide a good solid example that these laws really are important and do work," said Mike Hiestand, legal consultant for the Washington-based Student Press Law Center, where about 40 percent of the incoming calls are about censorship.

Now at least two of the Vermont students see journalism in their futures.

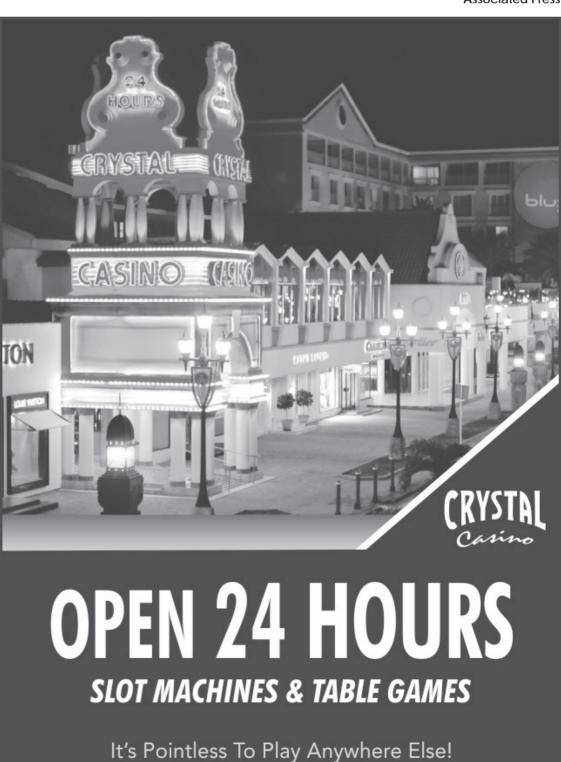
"We've gotten like such a rush from putting out this important information and helping out community," said Noble. Newman said she'd always wanted to pursue journalism but the experience confirmed it.

"It was obviously overwhelming and hectic but it was also exciting and something I can see myself doing again," she said.



In this Sept. 20, 2018 photo, BHS Register editors, from left, Julia Shannon-Grillo, Halle Newman, Nataleigh Noble and Jenna Peterson stand outside the Burlington High School in Burlington, Vt.

Associated Press









# Spain saves some 440 migrants; new crackdown on rescue boat

### By FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Spain's maritime rescue service said Sunday it rescued more than 400 people from 15 small boats, most of them off the country's southern coast, while humanitarian groups lamented that the sole private rescue boat operating near the deadly central Mediterranean human trafficking route risked being put out of action by Italy's anti-migrant leaders. While the Spaniards pulled 447 people to safety on Saturday in the western part of the sea, two humanitarian groups which operate the last private rescue vessel in the central Mediterranean, considered the deadliest route for trafficked migrants, said Panama had yanked the ship's registration following Italian complaints.

Panama's maritime authority said in a statement that it has begun procedures to remove the registration of Aquarius 2 after Italy complained the boat's captain failed to follow orders. It said Italy contends that



In a Aug. 15, 2018 file photo, the Aquarius rescue ship enters the harbor of Senglea, Malta.

Associated Press

the captain of Aquarius 2 defied instructions to return migrants to Libya that it had rescued from unseaworthy vessels launched by Libyan-based traffickers.

But SOS Mediterranee and Doctors Without Borders, the humanitarian groups jointly operating Aquarius 2, say violence-wracked Libya doesn't meet international standards for safe harbor. On Sunday, they asked European governments to reassure Panama that Italy's contentions are unfounded or issue a new flag so Aquarius 2 can keep operating. In a statement Sunday, the two nongovernmental organizations alleged that Italy had forced the Panamanians to

revoke the registration "under blatant economic and political pressure from the Italian government," which has vowed to stop arrivals in Italian ports of migrants saved by private rescue boats.

Italy's right-wing, anti-migrant interior minister, Matteo Salvini, denied that allegation in a tweet Sunday night, saying "no pressure at all on Panama for the Aquarius 2. I don't even know Panama's area code."

The Panama Maritime Authority said it was acting after the "principal complaint came from Italian authorities" about the ship's captain. It also noted that maritime authorities in Gibraltar over the summer took Aquarius 2 off its registry and had requested that it suspend its operations.

The two humanitarian groups in response said they "demand that European governments allow the Aquarius to continue its mission, by affirming to the Panamanian authorities that threats made by the Italian government are unfounded, or by immediately issuing a new flag under which the vessel can sail." Nearly 300 migrants have died in waters separating Spain and Africa so far in 2018, according to the United Nations, and over 1,600 have died this year trying to cross the Mediterranean, as departures in smugglers boats from Libya's coast to Italy have sharply declined this year compared to previous years, after the Italian authorities began cracking down on the rescue boats. But U.N. refugee agency officials say the central route from Libya is by far the deadliest for migrants smuggled by sea.

A recent spike in migrant arrivals in Spain has strained public services, and the Spanish government has faced further pressure since Italy refused to let humanitarian boats dock with migrants they have rescued from the sea.

Aquarius 2 was carrying 58 migrants it rescued in the last few days, and where they would be taken was unclear Sunday night.

The U.N. refugee agency says largely lawless Libya, bloodied by a recent surge in fighting among militias, isn't a safe harbor. Migrants returned there are brought back to detention centers, where food is scarce and beatings and sexual assault are common.



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# German government reaches deal to solve spy chief dispute

### By GEIR MOULSON Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Leaders of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing coalition reached a deal Sunday to resolve a standoff over the future of the country's domestic intelligence chief, a dispute that has further dented the image of their fractious six-monthold alliance.

The center-left Social Democrats have insisted that Hans-Georg Maassen be removed as head of the BfV spy agency for appearing to downplay recent violence against migrants, but conservative Interior Minister Horst Seehofer has stood by him.

Last week, coalition leaders agreed to replace Maassen as head of the BfV but give him a new job as a deputy interior minister, a promotion with a hefty pay increase. The move prompted a backlash from furious Social Democrats, prompting party leader Andrea Nahles to call for the deal's renegotiation.

On Sunday, coalition leaders agreed instead to make Maassen a "special adviser" at the interior ministry with responsibility for "European and international issues," Seehofer said. He will remain at his current pay level. In addition, a deputy interior minister and expert on construction issues, Social Democrat Gunther Adler, will now keep his job rather than making way for Maassen. Nahles will have to sell the new compromise to her party's leadership on Monday. "I think it is a very good signal that we took the criticism of our decision on Tuesday evening seriously and were able to correct it," Nahles told reporters. She declared that "overall, the foundation



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 photo Hans-Georg Maassen and German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, shake hands as they arrive for a hearing at the home affairs committee of the German federal parliament, Bundestag, in Berlin, Germany.

has been laid for us to re-

turn to substantive work." A left-leaning Social Democrat deputy leader, Ralf Stegner, described it as "a good solution." The dispute has clouded the government's future at a time when the three parties face major challenges in upcoming state elections, in Seehofer's home state of Bavaria on Oct. 14 and in neighboring Hesse on Oct. 28. The infighting appears to be weighing down their support, which hasn't recovered since a national election a year ago in which all three coalition parties lost ground and the far-right Alternative for Germany entered parliament. The coalition of Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, Seehofer's Bavariaonly Christian Social Union and the Social Democrats took office in March after Nahles' party decided reluctantly to join up.

It has already been through one crisis that threatened its survival, when Merkel and Seehofer — a conservative ally, but a longtime critic of her initially welcoming approach to refugees in 2015 — faced off in June over whether to turn back some migrants at the German-Austrian border.

Responding to violent rightwing protests following the killing of a German man, allegedly by migrants, in the eastern city of Chemnitz, Maassen said his agency had no reliable evidence that foreigners had been "hunted" down in the streets — a term Merkel had used.

A video posted by a leftwing group showed protesters chasing down and attacking a foreigner but Maassen questioned its authenticity.

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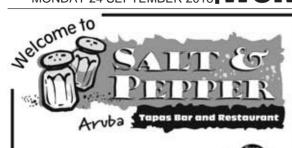
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# Iran's president blames US after attack on military parade

By NASSER KARIMI JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president on Sunday accused an unnamed U.S.-allied country in the Persian Gulf of being behind a terror attack on a military parade that killed 25 people and wounded 60, further raising regional tensions.

Hassan Rouhani's comments came as Iran's Foreign Ministry also summoned Western diplomats over them allegedly providing havens for the Arab separatists who claimed Saturday's attacks in the southwestern city of Ahvaz. The Iranian moves, as well as promises of revenge by Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, come as the country already faces turmoil in the wake of the American withdraw from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers. The attack in Ahvaz, which saw women and children flee with uniformed soldiers bloodied, has further shaken the country.

Rouhani's remarks could refer to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates or Bahrain — close U.S. military allies that view Iran as a regional menace over its support for militant groups across the Middle East.

"All of those small mercenary countries that we see in this region are backed by America. It is Americans who instigate them and provide them with necessary means to commit these crimes," Rouhani said before leaving for the U.N. General Assembly in New



In this photo a Revolutionary Guard member carries a wounded boy after a shooting during military parade marking 38th anniversary of Iraq's 1980 invasion of Iran, in the southwestern city of Ahvaz, Iran, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018.

York.

Iran meanwhile summoned diplomats from Britain, Denmark and the Netherlands early Sunday for allegedly harboring "members of the terrorist group" that launched the attack. Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen condemned the attack and stressed that there would be "consequences" if it turns out that those responsible have connections to Denmark.

The ministry later summoned the UAE's envoy as well over what it called the "irresponsible and insulting statements" of an Emirati adviser, according to the semi-official ISNA news agency. The UAE did not immediately acknowledge the summons.

Saturday's attack, in which militants disguised as sol-

diers opened fire on an annual Iranian military parade in Ahvaz, was the deadliest attack in the country in nearly a decade. Women and children scattered along with once-marching Revolutionary Guard soldiers as heavy gunfire rang out, the chaos captured live on state television.

The region's Arab separatists, once only known for nighttime attacks on unguarded oil pipelines, claimed responsibility for the assault, and Iranian officials appeared to believe the claim. The separatists accuse Iran's Persiangovernment dominated of discriminating against its ethnic Arab minority. Khuzestan province also has seen recent protests over Iran's nationwide drought, as well as ecoAssociated Press

nomic protests.
The attack killed at least 25 people and wounded 60, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. It said gunmen wore military uniforms and targeted a riser where military and police commanders were sitting. State TV hours later reported that all four gunmen had been killed.

At least eight of the dead served in the Revolutionary Guard, an elite paramilitary unit that answers only to Iran's supreme leader, according to the semi-official Tasnim news agency. The Guard responded to the attack on Sunday, warning it would seek "deadly and unforgiving revenge in the near future."

Tensions have been on the rise in Iran since the Trump administration pulled out

of the 2015 nuclear accord with Iran in May and began restoring sanctions that were eased under the deal. It also has steadily ramped up pressure on Iran to try to get it to stop what Washington calls its "malign activities" in the region. The U.S. government nevertheless strongly condemned Saturday's attack and expressed its sympathy, saying it "condemns all acts of terrorism and the loss of any innocent lives." The Islamic State group also claimed responsibility for the attack in a message on its Amaaq news agency, but provided no evidence it carried out the assault. They also initially wrongly said the Ahvaz attack targeted Rouhani, who was in Tehran. The militants

On Sunday, IS militants posted a video online of three men, two of whom who spoke in Arabic extolling the benefits of martyrdom. A third who spoke in Farsi said they wanted to attack the Guard. The video included no time stamps, nor any specific references to the Ahvaz attack.

have made a string of false

claims in the wake of major

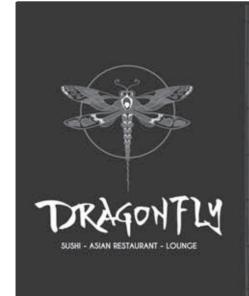
defeats in Iraq and Syria.

The attack dominated Iranian newspaper front pages on Sunday. The hard-line daily Kayhan warned that Iranians would demand Saudi Arabia feel the "hard slap" of the country's power

Iran's government declared Monday as a nationwide public mourning day, state-run IRNA news agency reported Sunday. ☐



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# Maldives' opposition presidential candidate claims victory

By BHARATHA MALLA-**WARACHI Associated Press** 

MALE, Maldives (AP) — Opposition presidential candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, a longtime but little-known lawmaker, declared victory at his party's campaign headquarters in the capital city Male in a contentious election widely seen as a referendum on the island nation's young democracy.

Supporters draped in the Maldives' flag took to the streets, hugging one another, cheering and honking horns to celebrate Solih's unexpected win.

Solih had 58.3 percent of the vote, with nearly 92 percent of ballots counted just after midnight Monday, according to independent newspaper website mihaaru.com. Election watchdog Transparency Maldives



Maldivian youth display indelible ink on their fingers after casting their vote during presidential election day in Male, Maldives, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.

"by a decisive margin."

Yameen's campaign had not conceded the race, A spokesman for Maldives'

tweeted that Solih had won and no one from the campaign could be immediately reached for comment.

**Associated Press** Election Commission said official results wouldn't be announced for a week, the period reserved for parties to file election petitions in court challenging the result. The opposition had feared the election would be rigged in favor of strongman President Yameen Abdul Gayoom, whose first term was marked by a crackdown on political rivals, courts and the media. In a victory speech, Solih called the election results "a moment of happiness, hope and history," adding that he did not think the election process had been transparent.

A police raid on Solih's main campaign office the night before the election was seen by the opposition as a worrying sign that Yameen would "muzzle his way" to re-election, according to Hamid Abdul Gafoor, an opposition spokesman and former Maldives lawmaker now based in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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# Burials begin as deaths from capsized ferry rise to 224

By FRED OOKO **GEOFFREY KAVITI Associated Press** 

UKARA ISLAND, Tanzania (AP) - Relatives wept in grief on Sunday at the mass burial in Tanzania of many of the 224 people who drowned when a ferry in capsized on Lake Victoria. Colorfully painted coffins were lined up to go into graves on Ukara Island. Grieving family members places wreaths of flowers on the coffins.

overloaded boat tipped over Thursday as it got to about 50 meters (55 yards) from the island's dock. People carrying their goods from a busy market day prepared to disembark, unbalancing the ferry which turned over. Horrified fishermen and others watched from the shore.

One survivor said he is still



Coffins of some of the victims of the MV Nyerere passenger ferry capsizing are laid into graves during a mass burial ceremony on Ukara Island, Tanzania, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.

searching for his daughter. "My child might have been

found, but I have not seen fore waiting for this ferry to is there or not. But I am feel-

her," said Magesa Chibu- be lifted from the water so ga, in Swahili. "I am there- that I can see whether she

**Associated Press** 

ing very bad. I thank God I have found my wife, but the child is still missing. So God has every plan."

Chibuga described how he survived when the boat

"I heard people shouting 'Accident, accident!' I was seated with my bag. I put it on my chest, removed my phone and put it in my bag, and then jumped. After I jumped, I found a lifesaver, grabbed it and that's how I escaped."

Identifications have been made for 172 people who died in the boat tragedy, Tanzania's Minister of Works, Transport and Communication Isack Kamwelwe said. The bodies of 37 others have not yet been identified, he told the broadcaster. At least 40 people were rescued, officials said.

# Chinese navy hospital ship docks in Venezuela amid crisis



Venezuelan dancers welcome the arrival of Chinese navy hospital ship "The Peace Ark" docked at the port in la Guaira, Venezuela, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018.

### **Associated Press**

By CLBYBURN SAINT JOHN **Associated Press** LA GUAIRA, Venezuela (AP)

A Chinese navy hospital

ship docked near Venezuela's capital on Saturday as the OPEC nation's deepening economic crisis garners

the attention of the U.S. and other world powers.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino was on hand to greet the People's Liberation Army Navy's ship, the Peace Ark, on its latest stop as part of the 11-nation "Mission Harmony" tour announced in June.

"This is how you undertake diplomacy in the world," Padrino said, "with concrete actions of cooperation and not stoking the false voices of those who beat the drum of war."

Interest in the goodwill visit has been building since the Pentagon announced in August it was sending its

own hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, to neighboring Colombia to provide free medical treatment for thousands of Venezuelan migrants fleeing their homes amid widespread food and medicine shortages. U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, in a visit to Colombia last month, called the ship's deployment a humanitarian mission to deal with the fallout of President Nicolas Maduro's mismanagement of the economy. The United Nations estimates that 2.3 million Venezuelans have fled the crisis-torn country in recent years, mainly to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

and Brazil.

But top officials in Venezuela's socialist government saw the Comfort's deployment as a threat, part of an effort by the U.S. to pave the way for a military intervention on humanitarian grounds.

Padrino on Saturday said the Chinese boat's visit was part of the government's "strategic defense opera

The Peace Ark's humanitarian tours around the world have become a sign of China's outreach efforts and Beijing's ambitions of gradually expanding its military influence abroad.□



# **LOCAL**









# Fresh, Clean & DELIghtful



Chantal Beke, Food & Beverage Manager of the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, has a clear vision with regards to what enhances a successful deli. "It should be clean, crispy and delightful." And so is the brand new designed PureDeli of the resort. From the outside, as well as the inside, there is a remarkable change and you should really try it to feel it. "This is a great place to take a cup of coffee, a freshmade sandwich or a locally-made ice-cream."

Located right behind the lobby and the front desk you will find the brand new place. "The trend is the To Go's right now, so I brought in some cool New York Delithemed sandwiches. Of course we still have the breakfast items and our locallyproduced ice-cream which remains a hit." The interior design is peaceful, white, crispy and attractive. It makes you want to sit down and unwind, if it was only for the cool, air-conditioned room. "Both work and pleasure find their place here. There are even flat screen TVs to watch the news or sports while taking a quiet moment with a drink and/or bite", Chantal states while using this moment herself to enjoy a healthy sandwich lunch. She is practicing what she preaches for sure.

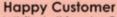
### **Awakening Place**

The new Smith & Dorlas machine prepares coffee from Café Americano to Latte to Cappuccino and so much more. The menu matches that diversity with some good oldies and new hypes. "Breakfast sandwiches, muffins, the Mama Bear special with waffle, eggs and bacon are just some to name. I have a cook working here who makes all the orders right away. Nice bagels with salmon and cream cheese, avo-



croissants are other items we serve. For the vegetarians there are options, as well as for those with aller-

gies and people on gluten-free diets. The smiling staff proudly serves you a Like A Boss Club or All It Takes Sandwich. If you really cannot decide from the menu, the chef will prepare a custom made sandwich with your choice of bread and toppings. "The menu is small, but with all", Chantal decides.



While talking to Chantal, a customer approaches us to compliment her with the coffee. "This is a great cappuccino, everything is right about it and that has to do with the barista, the machine and the coffee itself. Perfect", Egbert Lampen says. Nothing convinces more than a happy customer!

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Michael-Habibe. Armando's goal is Aruban nature, especially with the youth and therefore he visits schools and he is member of Korteweg, an organization of young artists aiming to bring art under the attention of the

public. A short recap: he is an artist, film maker, body boarder and surfer, nature lover and nature protector.

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# Today Is Going To Be A Good Day

Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful whitesand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the

perfect beach day. But we these hidden gems. are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of

### **Nature Calls**

The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are

beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whiptail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.arubanationalpark.org

### Philip's Animal Garden

To stay with the animals, let's hop to an amazing place. Something different to do, an experience that is to be enjoyed by people of all ages. Welcome to Philip's Animal Garden. We are not talking about a zoo here, this is actually a sanctuary for all types of creatures, from horses to peacocks, kangaroos to turtles, monkeys, goats, and many, many more different species. The place was founded in 2009 and it is the only organization rescuing and rehabilitating exotic animals in Aruba, which has resulted in an amazing collection of these animals. They provide a suitable living environment for all the rescued animals. Up until now the owner, Philip, has built this shelter with his own efforts; building all the cages from scratch, designing all structures and welding them with his own bare hands. His

goal is to upgrade the facilities to a world-class animal shelter with veterinary care and round-the-clock staffs. With the input from the Aruban community and visitors they provide the best care for these animals. Please check out their website for more information: www.

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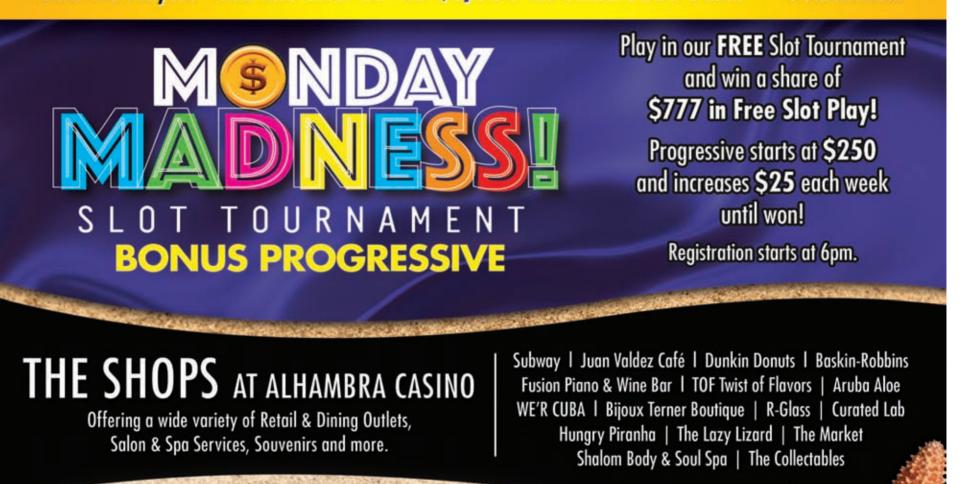
The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. www.arubalighthouse.com will give you more informa-





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The lovely couple has been coming to Aruba for 10 Consecutive Years. They love Aruba's beautiful beaches and safety of the island.

Emely together with the members of Marriott Aruba Resort presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years.





# LING & SONS **FOOD SHOW SEPTEMBER 27**

PALM BEACH — Ling & Sons IGA Supercenter, the best supermarket in Aruba is organizing the first food show in Aruba: Ling & Sons Food Show 2018 which takes place on Thursday September 27 at the Marriott resort from 10am to 5pm. This is a unique culinary experience where everyone who is in the food business- hotels, retailers, restaurants, event planners, catering, chefs and other businesses are welcome to visit the food show and get to know everything Ling & Sons has to offer wholesale.

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show also consists of wine tasting/presentation by Divino and Pepia. ASD will also be present to showcase their range of ecofriendly packaging.

event that Ling & Sons is organizing for the first time. The event is open to the public. So do not miss the chance to find out more about the exclusive prod-This is definitely a unique ucts.

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# Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival rocked

ORANJESTAD — The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival that took place last weekend was a big success. The quality of the artists was highly praised and the combination with a Food Court, art market and local crafts market made this a festival to stay. Big names like Jorge Celedon, Habana Vieja All Stars, Sister Sledge and many more enchanted the public. Aruba for sure enjoyed this well-organized event!

Pictures by: Andreina Morillo















Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

# Renovate or Bust

Our resort is currently undergoing the beginning stages of what is slated to be a 3 year renovation and in the weeks and months leading up to it, our owners have had quite a few questions, comments and concerns. Some of the questions that come up a lot have to do with the timing or the replacing of certain items within the rooms. Usually a thorough explanation is enough to placate most, however you have a small majority who are staunchly opposed to having to spend extra money or take out loans to finance a major resort renovation.

On the one hand I can understand their opposition especially since we are a timeshare resort and most of our client base are on a fixed income, so it can make things more difficult for them financially in the short term. However the goal of this and any other renovation is to stay relevant in your market position and secure the future of the resort. Aruba is one of the most competitive hospitality markets out there, with an over saturation of places to stay on the Island, guests have a whole host of places to choose from, those of us working here recognize that and know what our competition is doing.



A clean, up to date, modern hotel will always be more appealing and hold a bigger market share than those that look old, rundown and outdated. Plenty of our former sister resorts, that are younger than us have already upgraded and renovated their rooms over the course of the last 2-3 years and falling behind even more now would lower our ability to rent and sell rooms at comparable prices as our competitors.

Investing in a grand scale renovation, no matter how inconvenient it can be, is a very necessary evil, in order to ensure the long term profitability of a resort. If not properly maintained to stay in a competitive position, resorts may see themselves having to reduce rates to keep business flowing, while throwing away money on band aids and temporary fixes on buildings that are 20-30 or more years old, furniture that isn't hotel grade or appliances that are not as energy efficient as newer models.

A very strong example of this can be found on our sister Island of Curacao, where over the course of the past 9 months, despite a boost in their tourism numbers, the Island has seen the shuttering of three hotels, which come at a loss of work for 80-100 people per hotel and news that more hotels may be in danger of shutting down due to financial issues. One of the reasons cited for the closings is due to the lack of investment in upgrading and updating the buildings, some of these hotels kept dropping down into lower tiers, thus making them less profitable over time and eventually leading them to default on their financial obligations to their shareholders and more importantly the employees who worked for them

Renovations are logistical nightmares for staff and very unpleasant for owners at timeshare resorts, but a much needed and very well executed update of the facility will provide long term benefits that will be well worth the short term inconvenience.



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.



# **SPORTS**







# Tiger Woods caps off amazing comeback with a win

By DOUG FERGUSON

**ATLANTA (AP)** — A comeback not even Tiger Woods saw coming a year ago.

A chaotic celebration that golf hasn't seen even in the best of times.

Woods delivered the perfect ending to his amazing return from four back surgeries on Sunday with a performance that felt like the old days. He left the competition feeling hopeless as he built a five-shot lead early and hung on to win the Tour Championship.

Woods raised both arms over his head after he tapped in for par and a 1-over 71 for a two-shot victory over Billy Horschel, the 80th victory of his PGA Tour career and his first in more than five years.

"It was a grind out there," Woods said. "I loved every bit of it."

It felt like a coronation coming down the 18th green after he hit his second shot to the par 5 safely in a bunker in front of the green. The crowd came through the ropes and walked behind him, just like that walk from the left side of the 18th fairway when he won the Masters in 1997, and when the enormous gallery of Chicago followed after him when he won the Western Open that summer.

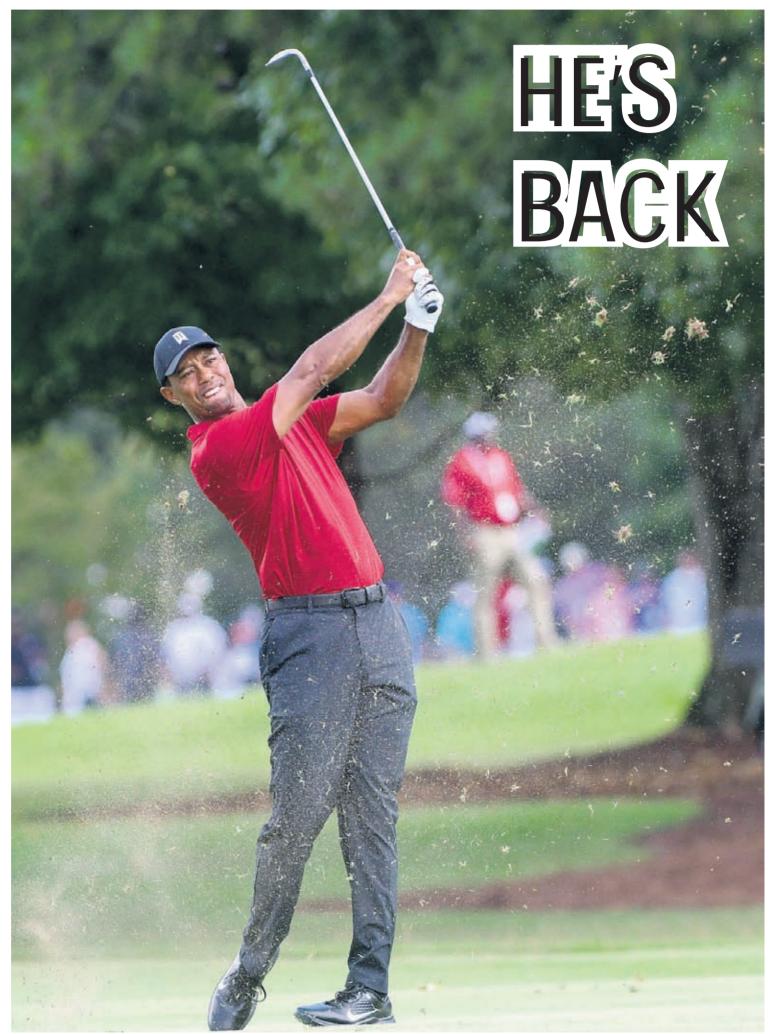
They chased after any inch of grass they could find to watch the ending.

This felt just as big as a major, maybe better considering where Woods had

"I didn't want to get run over," Woods said with a laugh.

Only when he was on the green, the last one to putt after Rory McIlroy tapped in for birdie, did it start to sink in. "All of a sudden it hit me that I was going to win the tournament. I started tearing up a little bit," Woods said.

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Tiger Woods hits from the third fairway during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Atlanta

Associated Press



# Osaka's winning streak comes to an end in loss to Pliskova

**Sports Writer** 

TOKYO (AP) — Naomi Osaka's dominant run came to end on Sunday in a 6-4, 6-4 loss to fourth-seeded Karolina Pliskova in the final of ond final of the season. the Pan Pacific Open.

end to Osaka's 10-match winning streak.

Pliskova needed three dramatic sets in each of her matches to reach her sec-

"I was just happy it didn't The 20-year-old tossed her

against Pliskova.

The frustration boiled over when Osaka double faulted in the ninth game of the second set to set up Pliskova's second break.

By JIM ARMSTRONG, AP streak alive while putting an a much sterner challenge racket to the ground before collecting her composure, but it was too late.

Pliskova broke Osaka for a second time to go up 5-4 and then hammered her sixth ace to secure her 11th career title. It was the sec-

ond time Osaka came up short in the tournament. Two years ago, Osaka lost in the final to Caroline Wozniacki, this year's top-seeded player who was eliminated by Camila Giorgi in the second round.



Karolina Pliskova, of Czech Republic pose with her champion trophy for photographers during the award ceremony of the Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament in Tokyo Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. Pliskova won over Naomi Osaka of Japan in the final, 6-4, 6-4.

**Associated Press** 

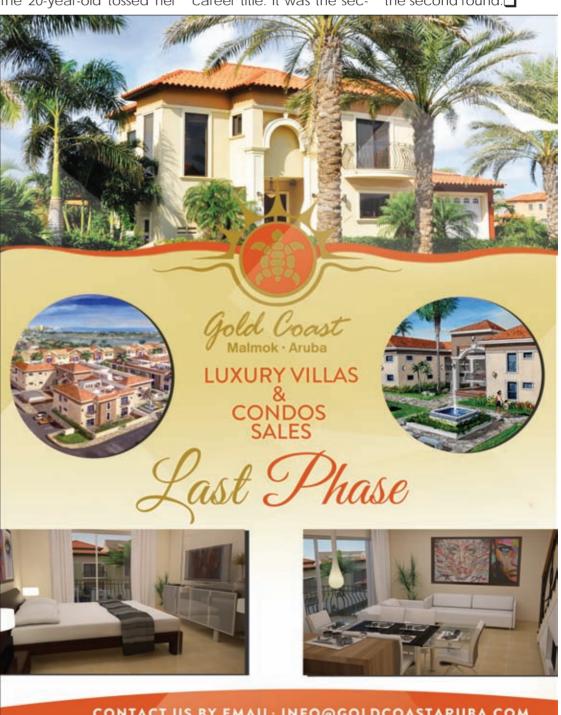
Playing in her first tournament since upsetting Serena Williams to win the U.S. Open on Sept. 8, third-seeded Osaka hadn't tired today." dropped a set previous Osaka started well with to Sunday's final but was frustrated from the outset opening game but Pliskova by the big-serving Czech won her first break point of player.

Pliskova came into Sunary 2017 — and kept that the tournament but faced

go to a third set," Pliskova said. "Naomi was playing so good all tournament but I think she was a little bit

a pair of aces to win the the match and took a 3-2

day's final having won her The 20-year-old local falast four dating to the Bris- vorite was barely tested in bane International in Janu- her first three matches of



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"I can't believe I pulled this

He paused as his voice started to crack.

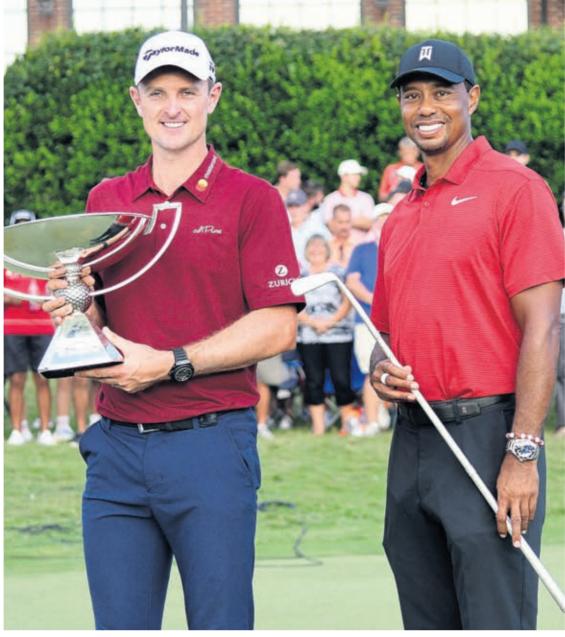
More roars.

Several players, from Zach Johnson to Rickie Fowler to Horschel, waited to greet him. It was Johnson who unveiled red shirts at the Ryder Cup two years ago in the team room that said, "Make Tiger Great Again."

"They knew what I was struggling with," Woods said. "It was special to see them."

One year ago, Woods was still waiting for his lower back to fuse and wasn't sure he could ever play again. He told stories of being unable to get off the couch to watch his kids play soccer, much less to chip and putt. He said after the second and third back surgeries in the latter end of 2015 that he already has achieved plenty in golf and anything else would be "gravy."

He was becoming a legend only in video highlights. Woods brought it all to life over four days at East Lake, and the players who have taken turns at No. 1 during his absence caught the full



Justin Rose holds the FedEx Cup and Tiger Woods holds the Calamity Jane after winning the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Atlanta.

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brunt of it. McIlroy faded early. Justin Rose faded late.

All that was left was the 42-year-old Woods in that Sunday red shirt blazing brighter than ever and a smile he couldn't shake walking up to collect another trophy.

He finished at 11-under 269 and won \$1.62 million, along with a \$3 million bonus for finishing second in the FedEx Cup.

The only disappointment — a minor one under the circumstances — was realizing as he came down the 18th that Rose had made birdie to finish in a threeway tie for fourth, which gave him the FedEx Cup and the \$10 million bonus. would have won his third FedEx Cup title after starting at No. 20 going into the Tour Championship.

"Congrats, Rosie," Woods told him. "World No. 1, hell of a season."

Actually, former world No. 1 for Rose. His four bogeys

over the last 10 holes cost him the No. 1 ranking back to Dustin Johnson, who shot 67 and finished third.

But this wasn't about the FedEx Cup or even the world

This is Tiger's big day, and nothing was going to change it.

Woods had never lost when leading by three shots or more going into the final round. That was when he was regularly winning multiple times every season, compiling trophies at a rate never before seen in golf. Was anything different having gone more than five

Rose had said it was a bit more unknown, and "there's a lot on it for him" as well as everyone else.

years without winning?

But this was still Woods' arena. The walk from the putting green snakes some 80 yards across the road and through a gallery, and everyone could hear him coming from the procession of cheering. And within the opening hour, the Tour Championship had that inevitable feeling

No one brings excitement like Woods, even when he plays so good and so smart that he eliminates any potential for drama.

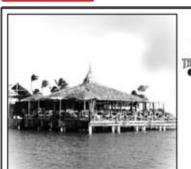
The buzz was endless. A couple of teenagers climbed into a tree to see him made a 10-foot birdie on the first hole. When the putt dropped and cheers died, there was a wild sprint some 200 yards up the hill as fans tried to get into position for the next shot. He tapped in for par, and another stampede ensued to line the third fairway.

On and on it went. No one wanted to miss a shot.

A year ago, there was no guarantee anyone would see much of Woods, much less Woods winning

He's back again. This victory, his first since the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone in August 2013 - 1,876 days, to be exact - brought him to No. 13 Without that birdie, Woods in the world. Not bad for a 42-year-old with four back surgeries who returned to competition in December at No. 1,199.

> The next stop for Woods is to board a plane with the rest of his U.S. teammates for France and the Ryder Cup.



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# Peterson runs for 120 yards, 2 TDs, Skins top Packers 31-17

By HOWARD FENDRICH **AP Pro Football Writer** LANDOVER, Md. (AP) —

Adrian Peterson ran for 120 yards and a pair of 2-yard scores, Alex Smith threw two touchdown passes all in the first half Sunday and the Washington Redskins held on for a 31-17 victory over a gimpy Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers, who again had complaints about a roughing-the-passer penalty on Clay Matthews.

On a rainy afternoon, the Redskins (2-1) moved out to leads of 14-0 and, at halftime, 28-10, by putting together TD drives of 74, 75, 79 and 98 yards.

Smith connected for TDs of 46 yards to Paul Richardson on the game's fourth play and of 9 to Jamison Crowder in the second quarter.

Peterson, who ran 19 times Sunday, raised his career total to 102 rushing touchdowns, breaking a tie at 100 with Marshall Faulk and Shaun Alexander and mov-

ing him alone into seventh flagged for roughing Smith place in NFL history behind Emmitt Smith's record of

This was Peterson's 52nd game with at least 100 yards on the ground, and first since Nov. 5, 2017, for Arizona against San Francisco.

Playing with a bulky brace on his left knee, which he hurt in Week 1, Rodgers hobbled and limped around, and couldn't do enough to get the Packers (1-1-1) back into the game. He finished 27 for 44 for 265 yards with two TDs — of 64 yards to Geronimo Allison and 2 yards to Davante Adams — and was sacked four times.

But Green Bay's receivers had problems with drops, plus Randall Cobb was stripped of the ball by Fabian Moreau — Josh Norman recovered the fumble after a completion with about 5½ minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

In the third, Packers linebacker Matthews

— and there are sure to be more questions about what constitutes a penalty on such plays. Matthews broke in alone on Smith, wrapped him and brought him down. Matthews immediately put his arms up and slapped himself in the helmet as the flag was thrown.

Packers coach Mike Mc-Carthy threw down a playcalling sheet and argued with two officials about the call, even chasing one along the sideline as he backpedaled away.

In Green Bay's 29-all tie against the Minnesota Vikings last week, a potentially win-sealing interception for the Packers was wiped out by a roughing call on Matthews when he hit Kirk

On Sunday, Smith went 12 for 20 for 220 yards. He also had his streak of 156 consecutive passes without an interception, the longest active run in the NFL, end in the second quarter. Safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix made the



Washington Redskins running back Adrian Peterson (26) carries the ball past Green Bay Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander (23) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Landover, Md.

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# 49ers fear QB Garoppolo sustained season-ending ACL injury

By DAVE SKRETTA KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

The 49ers fear quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo will miss the remainder of the season after sustaining an injury to the ACL in his left knee late in Sunday's 38-27 loss to

Kansas City. Garoppolo will have an MRI

to confirm the severity of the injury, but 49ers coach nerback Steven Nelson Kyle Shanahan said "we fear an ACL." That would mean C.J. Beathard is in line to start at quarterback. Garoppolo was 20 of 30 for 251 yards with two touchdowns and no picks against

the Chiefs, and he was at his best in trying to rally the 49ers late. But after driving for a potential score in the fourth quarter, Garoppolo was flushed from the pocket and headed for the

He appeared to take an awkward step and his knee buckled, just as Chiefs cordelivered a shoulder-toshoulder blow. Garoppolo wound up leaving on a

San Francisco wound up kicking a field goal for the final margin.



Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Steven Nelson (20) closes in to tackle San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10), right, during the second half of an NFL football game in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. Garoppolo was injured on the play.

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pick when tight end Jordan Reed went one way and Smith threw another.

That was one of many times when loud cheers of "Go, Pack, go!" rang through the Redskins' stadium. Last week, Washington's home sellout streak ended and there were plenty of boos heard during a 21-9 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.





# Bad day in the Bronx: Didi hurt, Yankees lose to lowly O's

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees' Didi Gregorius tore cartilage in his right wrist while scoring the run that clinched a wild card berth for New York, manager Aaron Boone said after his team wasted a three-run lead in a 6-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

Boone said Gregorius was hurt when he slid into home plate head-first to score from first on Aaron Hicks' 11th-inning double Saturday. The shortstop sat out Sunday. Boone said he was unsure if Gregorius, who has 27 homers and 86 RBIs, would be able to return in time for the postseason.

Tim Beckham homered twice for the lowly Orioles, who trailed 3-0.

J.A. Happ needed 107 pitches to get through five innings in a possible tuneup for the AL wild-card game. Happ allowed only one run, but A.J. Cole (3-1) quickly coughed up a two-run lead as the Yankees rested their best relievers one day after clinching a trip to the postseason.

New York began the day leading Oakland by 1½ games for home-field advantage in the wild-card game, and Boone said it's important to the Yankees to get that game in the Bronx. They sure didn't play that way, though.

The Athletics hosted Minnesota in a later game.



New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius slides past Baltimore Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph to score during the eleventh inning of a baseball game Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, in New York. The Yankees won 3-2.

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Baltimore (45-110) remained one loss shy of matching the franchise record for defeats set by the 1939 St. Louis Browns, who went 43-111.

Alex Cobb lasted only four pitches in an abbreviated start for the Orioles, apparently leaving with another blister problem. The right-hander exited his previous outing Sept. 11 after two innings because of a blister on his middle finger.

The Yankees took advantage by scoring three times in the first, but then their bats went silent against a parade of Orioles relievers. Mike Wright Jr. replaced Cobb and walked three

straight batters, but settled in to throw four innings.

Ryan Meisinger (2-0) pitched two perfect innings, Tanner Scott and Cody Carroll each tossed a scoreless inning, and Mychal Givens worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his ninth save. Renato Nunez also homered for Baltimore, and DJ Stewart drove in two runs off the bench. Joey Rickard had three hits.

Miguel Andujar and slumping Gary Sanchez each had an RBI single for the Yankees in the first. Gleyber Torres delivered a sacrifice fly

Cole entered with a 3-1 lead in the sixth, but imme-

diately gave up a double to Trey Mancini and a two-run homer by Beckham. Nunez followed with his seventh home run, chasing Cole. Stewart added a sacrifice fly as a pinch-hitter later in the inning, then doubled home a run in the eighth.

Beckham's third career multihomer game included a solo shot off Happ in the second.

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Orioles: 2B Breyvic Valera exited in the fifth with a broken left index finger after getting tagged out on a headfirst dive into home plate. He was replaced by Steve Wilkerson. Valera was acquired from the Dodgers

in July as part of the trade for Manny Machado. ... RHP Andrew Cashner has been bothered by pain in his left knee and manager Buck Showalter said it will be "kind of his call" whether he pitches again this season. ... Showalter said RHP Evan Phillips probably won't pitch again this season as the Orioles limit his innings. Yankees: CF Aaron Hicks walked in the seventh as a pinch-hitter and stayed in the game. Hicks fouled a ball off his ankle Saturday just before hitting a gameending double. "He'll be all right," Boone said. ... RF Aaron Judge also entered as a pinch-hitter in the seventh and remained in the game. **UP NEXT** 

Orioles: Before this miserable season finally comes to an end, the Orioles still have seven games left against Boston and Houston — the top two teams in the majors. Both have already clinched playoff spots. RHP Dylan Bundy (8-15, 5.37 ERA) is scheduled to start Monday night at Fenway Park against RHP Nathan Eovaldi (5-7, 3.98). Yankees: Keeping its options open with an eye on planning for the wild-card game, New York had not announced a starting pitcher for the opener of a four-game series Monday night at Tampa Bay. RHP Luis Severino (18-8, 3.38 ERA) is on turn.

# Beltre cheered in possible Texas finale, 6-1 win vs Mariners



Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre, right, questions home plate umpire David Rackley (86) after a called third strike during the third inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre was given a standing ovation when he was removed from what could be his last home game for Texas, just before the Rangers rallied for four runs in the sixth inning to beat the Seattle Mariners 6-1 on Sunday.

The 39-year-old, playing his 21st major league season, struck out twice and is hitting .275 with 14 homers and 61 RBIs. The four-time All-Star, the active hits leader with 3,162, went to third base just after the game became official — his 2,758 appearances at third are second only to Brooks

Robinson's 2,870. Rougned Odor ran out of the dugout and hugged Beltre, entering the game as Jurickson Profar moved from second base to third.

Teammates hugged Beltre as the crowd of 31,269 rose to its feet. He acknowledged the cheers with a tip and wave of his cap, then descended into the dugout to more hugs.

Beltre is in his eighth season in Texas after time with Seattle, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Boston, and he has not said whether he wants to return for next season. The Rangers finish their season on the road after

going 34-47 at home, the second-most home losses since the team moved to Texas, behind 33-48 in 2014. While Beltre was signing autographs before the game, some fans held up signs pleading with him to stay with the Rangers.

Seattle lost a day after it was eliminated from the postseason contention, extending the longest playoff drought among the four major U.S. pro sports to 17 years. Seattle finished its road schedule 44-37, its second-most wins away from home since 2002, behind only 46-35 four years ago.



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# 'We want Wilder': Team Joshua eager to fix unification fight

### By STEVE DOUGLAS **AP Sports Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — No sooner had Anthony Joshua brutally dispatched another pretender to his heavyweight titles than attention turned to who the British fighter would face next as he seeks to clean up boxing's most glamorous division.

An eagerly anticipated fight on Dec. 1 will go a long way to clearing that

Deontay Wilder, the WBC champion, is scheduled to take on Tyson Fury, the former champion before drug and health issues got in the way, somewhere in Las Vegas. It's a fight between two unbeaten heavyweights who represent the biggest threat to Joshua, the WBA, IBF and WBO belt-holder, and could provide his next opponent.

Joshua, now with a 22-0 record after toughing out a victory over Alexander Povetkin in front of 80,000 at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, said he isn't bothered who wins out of Wilder and Fury. In fact, he even suggested he won't even watch it.

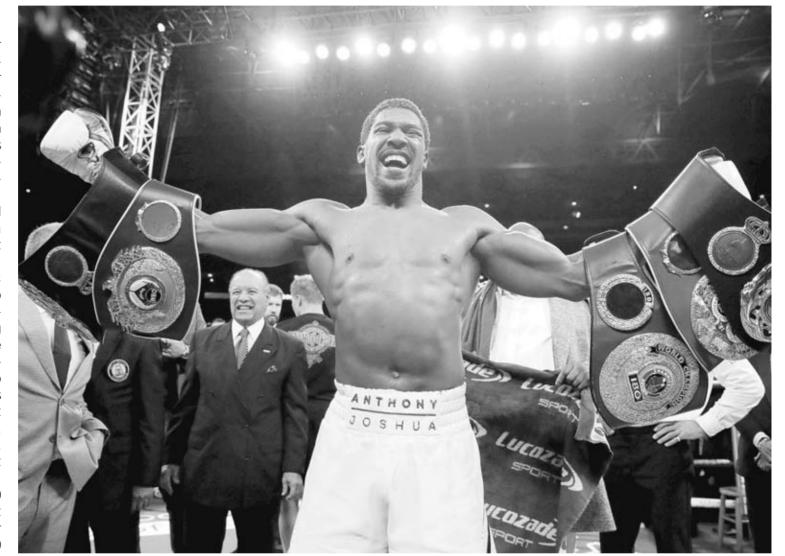
His promoter has other ideas, however.

"We want Wilder," Eddie Hearn said.

For Hearn, Wilder vs. Joshua pitting the two biggest punchers in boxing together — would be one of the biggest fights in boxing history and would be must-see viewing, stylistically. There's also the issue of unifying the is there.

"We want to be undisputed heavyweight champion of the world," Hearn said, looking across to Joshua.

Hearn also sees Fury, a loudmouth out of the ring and a pragmatic boxer in it, as something of a turn-



Anthony Joshua celebrates defeating Alexander Povetkin to retained his WBA, IBF, and WBO heavyweight boxing titles, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, at Wembley Stadium in London.

**Associated Press** 

off.

"I don't want to be disrespectful here, but Tyson Fury is the most unentertaining fighter I've ever seen," Hearn said, dismissively. "He's never been in a good fight in his whole career. Deontay Wilder against Joshua is the biggest fight in world boxing and it's the most exciting matchup you can make."

year for a fight — there was talk of \$50 million on the table — but couldn't find a middle ground. Hearn is eager to resume talks and agree to a deal in the coming weeks that can be rubber-stamped as soon as Wilder beats Fury. He said

\$50m would be "peanuts" compared to what could be offer next year.

"I don't want to wait until December for him to finish his fight, get some rest and then start negotiating," said Joshua, who is contractually obliged to return to Wembley on April 13 for his next fight. "I start training for a fight again early January. I want to get my fight fixed The Wilder and Joshua as soon as possible this side belts while the opportunity camps negotiated last of the year, so I know what I'm doing next year."

> Aside from what will undoubtedly by tough negotiations with Wilder's people, another possible barrier for Hearn will be if Fury wins on Dec. 1. That would make a rematch likely, and also make Wilder a less-ap

pealing prospect.

Joshua would then have to turn to someone like fellow Briton Dillian Whyte for his April 13 fight.

So, it's a case of wait and see for Joshua, who has a seven-month break before getting back in the ring. He'll do so with more experience in the bank after a difficult fight against Povetkin that started with the Briton getting a busted nose in the first round and ended with a devastating flurry of punches that sent the 39-year-old Russian nearly stumbling through the ropes.

In his last two fights, Joshua has beaten the previously undefeated Joseph Parker convincingly on points and

then inflicted only Povetkin's second career loss. They were both ranked as the No. 3 heavyweight in the world when they took on Joshua, who realistically only has two credible rivals currently in the division.

Fury has returned after a 2 1/2-year absence with two almost farcically easy fights, which gave him some much-needed time in the ring but barely proved

Fury vs. Joshua — the bad boy against the poster boy - would get Britons excited but Wilder vs. Joshua really gets the pulses racing.

"No problem, I fight whoever," Joshua said. "I'll always knock them down, one by

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This April 26, 2017, file photo shows the Twitter app on a smartphone in Philadelphia.

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# Twitter finds software privacy bug affecting direct messages

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter cases have directed messays it found a software bug that may have sent some private messages to the wrong people.

But the company says the problem specifically involved direct messages or protected tweets sent to businesses and other accounts overseen by software developers.

The issue, which started in May 2017, could in some

sages to the wrong developer. The company discovered and fixed the flaw on Sept. 10.

Twitter says less than 1 percent of its 335 million users were affected, and notes that it hasn't seen evidence that any actual messages were misdelivered.

Twitter says it has notified anyone who was affected by the bug.



EU Consumer Commissioner Vera Jourova talks to journalists during a news conference at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018.

**Associated Press** 

# EU getting 'impatient' with Facebook over consumer data use

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**Associated Press** 

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's consumer protection chief said Thursday she's growing impatient with Facebook's efforts to improve transparency with users about their data, warning it could face sanctions for not comply-

Consumer Commissioner Vera Jourova turned up the pressure on the social media giant, saying she wants the company to update its terms of service and expects to see its proposed changes by mid-October so they can take effect in December.

"I will not hide that I am becoming rather impatient because we have been in dialogue with Facebook almost two years and I really want to see, not the progress — it's not enough for me — but I want to see the results," Jourova said.

The EU wants Facebook to

give users more information about how their data is used and how it works with third party makers of apps, games and quizzes.

"If we do not see the progress the sanctions will have to come," she said. She didn't specify punishment, saying they would be applied by individual countries. "I was quite clear we cannot negotiate forever, we just want to see the re-

The EU has been pressing the U.S. tech company to look at what changes it needs to make to better protect consumers and this year Facebook has had to adapt to new EU data protection rules. The concerns took on greater urgency after the Cambridge Analytica data privacy scandal erupted, in which data on 87 million Facebook users was allegedly improperly harvested.

Jourova said she hopes Facebook will take more responsibility for its nearly

380 million European users. "We want Facebook to be absolutely clear to its users about how their service op-

erates and makes money,"

she said.

The company said it "will continue our close cooperation to understand any further concerns and make appropriate updates."

Jourova also said U.S.based property rental site Airbnb has agreed to clarify its pricing system in response to complaints that it could mislead consumers. Airbnb has promised to be fully transparent by either including extra fees in the total price for a booking quoted on its website or notifying users that they might apply, she said.

The company is complying with EU demands spurred by concerns that consumers could be confused by its complicated pricing structure, which could add unexpected costs such as cleaning charges at the end of a holiday.

# PayPal is the latest platform to ditch Alex Jones, Infowars

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — You won't be able use fluoride-free toothpaste or a bottle of The Real Red Pill Plus from right-wing promulgator conspiracy Alex Jones. The digital payments company is the latest platform to ditch Jones and his Infowars site, which along with conspiracy theories peddles "I Stand With Trump" T-shirts, Wake Up America coffee, dietary supplements and survival food.

PayPal said Friday that it

cut ties with Infowars after a review found instances PayPal anymore to buy of it promoting "hate and discriminatory intolerance against certain communities and religions."

Infowars said the move is a ploy aimed at sabotaging the site just weeks before the midterm elections.

Earlier this month, Twitter banned Jones and Infowars. Facebook has also banned Infowars, while other tech companies, including YouTube, Apple and Spotify, have limited Jones.

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# Rising oil prices haven't hurt the US economy so far

### By DAVID KOENIG **Associated Press**

DALLAS (AP) — America's rediscovered prowess in oil production is shaking up old notions about the impact of higher crude prices on the U.S. economy.

It has long been conventional wisdom that rising oil prices hurt the economy by forcing consumers to spend more on gasoline and heating their homes, leaving less for other things. Presumably that kind of run-up would slow the U.S. economy. Instead, the economy grew at its fastest rate in nearly four years during the April-through-June quarter.

President Donald Trump appears plainly worried about rising oil prices just a few weeks before midterm elections that will decide which party controls the House and Senate.

"We protect the countries of the Middle East, they would not be safe for very long without us, and yet they continue to push for higher and higher oil prices!" Trump tweeted on Thursday. "We will remember. The OPEC monopoly must get prices down now!" Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, who account for about one-third of global oil supplies, are scheduled to meet this weekend with non-members including Russia. The gathering was not expected to yield any big decisions — those typically come at major OPEC meetings like the one set for December. Oil markets, however, were roiled Friday by a report that attendees were considering a significant increase in production to offset declining output from Iran, where exports have fallen ahead of Trump's reimposition of sanctions.

OPEC and Russia have capped production since January 2017 to bolster prices. Output fell even below those targets this year, and in June the same countries agreed to boost the oil supply, although they didn't give numbers.



In this Sept. 17, 2018, file photo people wait in line as Travis Hall, right, and Brandon Deese, back, pump fuel from two tanker trucks at a convenience store in Wilmington, N.C.

Oil prices are up roughly 40 percent in the past year. On Friday, benchmark U.S. crude was trading around \$71 a barrel, and the international standard, Brent, was closing in on \$80.

The national average price for gasoline stood at \$2.85 per gallon, up 10 percent from a year ago, according to auto club AAA. That increase likely would be greater were it not for a slump in gasoline demand that is typical for this time of year, when summer vacations are over.

The United States still imports about 6 million barrels of oil a day on average, but that is down from more

than 10 million a decade ago. In the same period, U.S. production has doubled to more than 10 million barrels a day, according to government figures. "Because the U.S. now is

producing so much more than it used to, (the rise in oil prices) is not as big an impact as it would have been 20 years ago or 10 years ago," said Michael Maher, an energy researcher at Rice University and a former Exxon Mobil economist.

The weakening link between oil and the overall economy was seen — in reverse — just three years ago. Then, plunging oil pric**Associated Press** 

es were expected to boost the economy by leaving more money in consumers' pocket, yet GDP growth slowed at the same time that lower oil prices took hold during 2015.

Other economists caution against minimizing the disruption caused by energy prices. "Higher oil prices are unambiguously bad for the U.S. economy," said Philip Verleger, an economist who has studied energy markets. "They force consumers to divert their income from spending on other items to spending on fuels." Since energy amounts to only about 3 percent of consumer

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spending, a cutback in that other 97 percent "causes losses for those who sell autos, restaurants, airlines, resorts and all parts of the economy," Verleger said. The federal Energy Information Administration said this month that the U.S. likely reclaimed the title of world's biggest oil producer earlier this year by surpassing the output of Saudi Arabia in February and Russia over the summer. If the agency's estimates are correct, it would mark the first time since 1973 that the U.S. has led the oil-pumping pack. When oil prices tumbled starting in mid-2014, U.S. energy producers cut back on drilling. They cut thousands of jobs and they spent less on rias, steel pipes and railcars to ship crude to refineries. That softened the bounce that economists expected to see from cheaper oil.

Now, with oil prices rising, energy companies are boosting production, creating an economic stimulus that offsets some of the blow from higher prices on consumers. Oil- and gas-related investment accounted for about 40 percent of the growth in business investment in the April-June quarter this year. The number of active oil-drilling rigs is near a three-year high, although not back to levels seen before the 2014 oilprice crash.





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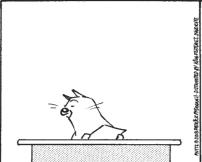
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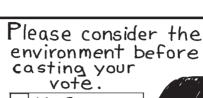


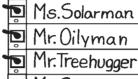


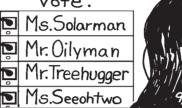
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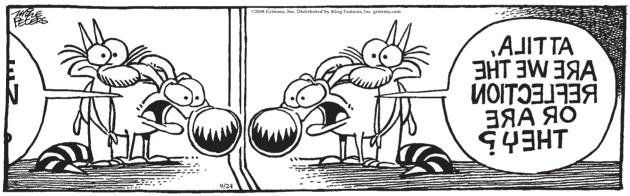
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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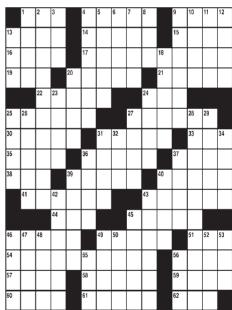
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# A dog's life: Uno, beagle who wowed Westminster, dies at 13

was exactly the kind of dog

everyone could imagine on

the couch next to them."

Uno died Thursday at the

200-acre ranch where he

lived in Austin, Texas. He

was in good health until the

last month or so when can-

"Everybody loved him,"

said Dan Huebner, who

manages the ranch for Uno

No beagle had won the

Kennel Club dog show un-

til Uno did good ol' Snoopy

proud, barking his way to

the prized silver bowl in

2008. He was clearly the

crowd favorite and fans ex-

ulted when he was picked,

giving the 15-inch champ a

standing ovation.

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owner Caroline Dowell.

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In this Feb. 12, 2008, file photo, Uno, a 15-inch beagle, poses with his trophy after winning Best in Show at the 132nd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden in New York. **Associated Press** 

### By BEN WALKER **Associated Press**

Every dog might have its day, but not many ever had a night like this.

Cheered on by a roaring, packed crowd at Madison Square Garden, the playful beagle responded like a true champ.

"Ah-roo!" Uno bayed that evening, a decade ago. "Ah-roo!"

Uno, who became perhaps the most popular pooch to step into a dog show ring, has died. He was 13.

From a president to parades to ballparks, Uno charmed admirers wherever he wandered.

"He lit everyone's fire," longtime dog expert David Frei said. "It's because he minster winner to visit the White House, with President George W. Bush and wife Laura meeting him in the Rose Garden and presenting him with a red, white and blue collar. The tri-color package of

Uno soon was the first West-

personality later rode in a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, took part in first-pitch ceremonies at Busch Stadium and Miller Park and even had his own bobblehead.

He also enjoyed celebrity status with a good seat on Midwest Airlines — in St. Louis, the computer once selected him for additional screening, and security guards waved a wand over him.

Frei, the television voice of Westminster for more than quarter-century, was Uno's frequent companion on the road. Over his years, he saw about 70,000 dogs judged on the green carpet of the Garden.

"There was never one like him," Frei said. "That's no disrespect to all the other great dogs. But when Uno won, I said I'd have to rent out an apartment in New York City for him because I'd be traveling with him all year, so many people would want to see him. And that's what happened, he was such an all-American dog."

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# Researchers say they're closing in on Captain Cook's ship

# By JENNIFER McDERMOTT Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Researchers are exploring whether a shipwreck off the coast of Rhode Island could be the vessel that 18th-century explorer Capt. James Cook used to sail around the world.

The Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, which is leading the search effort, and the Australian National Maritime Museum identified the vessel. It's one of 13 shipwrecks that have been known for years to be in the harbor near Newport, Rhode Island.

Archaeologists met Friday in Newport to talk about their recent fieldwork.

"Early indications are that the team has narrowed the possible site for the wreck of HMB Endeavour to one site, which is very promising," said Kevin Sumption, director and CEO of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

The Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project described the site as promising but said it'll still take a



In this Nov. 15, 1999, file photo, people watch as a replica of the HMB Endeavour leaves Honolulu, as it embarked on a four-year, around-the-world cruise.

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lot more work and money to identify it.

Nearly 250 years ago, Cook ran aground on Australia's Great Barrier Reef during a voyage to the South Pacific. His ship was the Endea-

toric 1768-1771 voyage.
Vice Adm. Michael Noonan, chief of the Royal Australian Navy said be dove

an, chief of the Royal Australian Navy, said he dove at the Rhode Island site with researchers.

He measured one of the cannons so the dimensions can be compared to historical records, and they took samples of the wood. He's hopeful the wreck is the Endeavour. "Certainly it's a very exciting discovery in absolute terms," he said Friday. "They're very, very confident that the Endeavour is in the site."

The Endeavour was also part of the fleet of 13 ships the British scuttled during the Revolutionary War in 1778 to blockade Newport Harbor from the French. It was listed in the records under a different name, the Lord Sandwich.

The nonprofit Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project located documents in London identifying the groups of ships in that fleet and where each was scuttled. It has been studying the wrecks in Newport Harbor since 1993, and has

been ruling out ones that could not be Cook's ship. It announced this week that it had narrowed the search for Endeavour to one, or possibly two, archaeological sites. "We've been at this 25 years and this is the first time we've been really willing to say we think we're closing in on having the Endeavour," project director Kathy Abbass said at a news conference Friday. "This is science. It's not a documentary. It's not something that will be over in 50 minutes. And we've got a lot more work to do." They're hoping to excavate the most likely site in time for the 250th anniversary celebrations of Cook claiming of Australia, which is in 2020.

"We will be celebrating the arrival of Cook and Australia in 2020. Finding the wreck of the Endeavour at this point in time and being able to authenticate that is an extraordinary achievement, said Peter Dexter of the Australian National Maritime Museum. "That'd be fabulous."



In this September 2018 image made from video provided by the University of Surrey, a net is launched from the International Space Station to catch a test object.

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# Tossed net captures space junk in orbit-cleanup experiment

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

 A tossed net has managed to capture space junk in a demonstration of ways to clean up debris in orbit.

In the British-led experiment, a big net was cast from a mini satellite Sunday. The net successfully wrapped around its target, an inflated structure that had just been deployed as part of the test. The distance covered nearly 20 feet (6 meters).

Black-and-white video showed the catch.

"This is not sci-fi. We repeat, not sci-fi," tweeted the Texas-based company NanoRacks, which developed the space station's microsatellite deployer.

The University of Surrey's

Guglielmo Aglietti said Thursday the target was spinning faster than expected, but that made the test even more realistic. The objective is to show ways of removing debris from orbit, which is cluttered with old rocket and spacecraft parts.

This debris poses a hazard not only to the International Space Station and its crew, but to the Hubble Space Telescope and other satellites.

urly 20 The net — about 16 feet of Science Ed (5 meters) across — and AP is solely revideo its target will eventually fall all content.

out of orbit together and burn up.

A harpoon, meanwhile, will be tested in a similar manner in February, according to Aglietti.

The experiment was deployed into orbit from the space station in June, two months after it arrived.

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# Alzheimer's opera 'Sky on Swings' opens in Philadelphia

### By RONALD BLUM **Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Frederica von Stade sat on a table singing, her face filled with fear and wonder, her character unsure where she was going and where she had been.

Nearly a half-century after her professional debut, the 73-year-old teamed with fellow mezzo Marietta Simpson for a mesmerizing performance Thursday night in the world premiere of "Sky on Swings," Lembit Beecher's joyful and disturbing chamber opera about two women deteriorating from Alzheimer's disease.

Commissioned by Opera Philadelphia for the first night of its season-opening O18 festival, the 78-minute work debuted on the eve of World Alzheimer's Day. It explores the cognitive decline of Danny (von Stade)



This Sept. 18, 2018 photo released by Opera Philadelphia, Mezzo-soprano Marietta Simpson, left, and Frederica von Stade in the new opera "Sky on Swings" premiering as part of Opera Philadelphia's O18 Festival.

old Simpson), whose dis- by the 37-year-old Beech-

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and Martha (the 59-year- In the third chamber opera Moscovitch after "I Have No Stories to Tell You" and er and librettist Hannah "Sophia's Forest," jarring

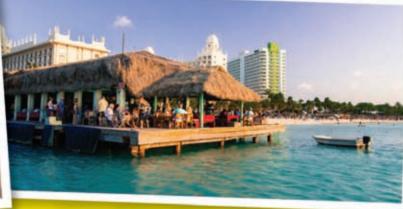
keyboard notes and pizzicato in the 11-piece orchestra punctuate melodic singing to create a disorienting intensity.

"There was a feeling that the orchestral music in the piece needed to be about disintegration or degeneration in some way," Beecher said Friday.

Moscovitch's libretto explores the place of the elderly in a society with longer life spans, much like Alan Bennett's "Allelujah!" which opened at London's Bridge Theatre in July. But while Bennett sets his play in the specific locale of a Yorkshire hospital and has sharp political commentary about cuts to Britain's National Health Service, Moscovitch focuses "Sky" on the collapsing minds of the two principal characters in their individual homes and a nonspecific

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# Jane Fonda, her life and men star in a revealing documentary

### By LYNN ELBER Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As beguiling and powerful as Jane Fonda is onscreen, she has yet to play a role that's a match for her whiplash-inducing life of artistry, celebrity and polarizing activism. Then there's the personal drama, including serial marriages to three very different husbands with their own claims to fame. When the 80-year-old Fonda decided to participate in a documentary about her — "Why not? I don't know how much longer I'm gonna live" — it was with award-winning filmmaker Susan Lacy, who made an intriguing choice: using the men in Fonda's life as the organizing principle for "Jane Fonda in Five Acts." The film, debuting from 8 to 10:15 p.m. Monday EDT on HBO, devotes its first chapter to Fonda's fraught bond with her emotionally reserved dad, the acclaimed actor Henry Fonda. It was at the end of his life that she managed to draw him closer: They starred



In this July 25, 2018 photo, actress Jane Fonda, background, and Susan Lacy, director of the HBO documentary "Jane Fonda in Five Acts," pose together at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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opposite each other as an estranged father and daughter in the film "On Golden Pond." The 1982 Academy Award ceremony at which Henry Fonda won his only Oscar is what Jane Fonda readily points

to when asked to name a Hollywood career highlight. Her father died four months later. "The fact that it was with this movie, and he asked me to receive it (the award) if he won," Fonda said in an interview, her steady, blue-eyed gaze reminiscent of her father. "It's rare that a child gets a chance to do something like this for a parent with whom they have had such a complicated relationship." (Co-star Katharine Hepburn won her fourth Oscar and showed her competitive streak. "You'll never catch me now," she crowed to Jane Fonda, a two-time winner for "Klute" and "Coming Home.")

"Five Acts" then moves on to the husbands: French film director Roger Vadim (of the "Barbarella" sexkitten years), activist Tom Hayden (a match for her growing political fervor) and media mogul Ted Turner (so magnetic that she tried semi-retirement, until she didn't.)

She recalls the thrill of sexual "electricity" with all three partners, but felt compelled only by pregnancy to marry Vadim (they had a daughter, Vanessa) and Hayden (a son, Troy). She wed Turner in 1991, she said, because he insisted

living together was setting a bad example for his grown children.

"But I think it's really because he's insecure. I mean, men want to get married," Fonda said. "I had two important relationships subsequent to Ted, they wanted to get married. They were obsessed with it, because it's possession."

Asked about future relationships minus marriage, Fonda has a concise answer: "I've closed up shop." "Never say never," parried a smiling Lacy, who was the creator and longtime executive producer of PBS' "American Masters," home to profiles of greats including Maya Angelou and Billie Jean King.

The film's last act belongs to Fonda alone, unbound by marriage and focused on passions including voting rights and other political causes as well as work (which includes Netflix's "Grace and Frankie" and a planned sequel to the 1980 hit film "9 to 5.")

Lacy's approach struck some in her circle, especially younger women, as anti-feminist, the filmmaker said. She defends it as reflecting Fonda's 2005 autobiography, "My Life So Far," and Fonda concurs.

"Before I started writing my memoir, I knew that what I was writing was a gender journey. It was a journey defined by my gender. And so it was important for me to explain why that was true," she said.

Fonda's voice is strong throughout the film, which draws on 20-plus hours of interviews in which she addresses moments as intimate as the childhood loss of her mother to suicide and an eating disorder. Friends and colleagues including Robert Redford and Lily Tomlin are heard from, along with Turner, the late Hayden and Fonda's children.

While there was no epiphany for her in watching the film, which she cooperated with but didn't control, it was rewarding, Fonda said. "It just brought home very vividly to me what a full, rich life I've had, and varied. I mean, there's been a lot of change and a lot of controversy and a lot of survival," she said.

Her accomplishments, including a fitness empire that made her a 1980s video star, were irrelevant to critics of her protests against the Vietnam War—especially after Fonda was photographed perched on an anti-aircraft gun during a controversial 1972 wartime visit to North Vietnam. She recently said that moment sent a "horrible" message to soldiers and their families.

"I'm proud of most of what I did, but very sorry for some of what I did," she says in the film, referring to that period.

Her involvement resulted from a chance wartime meeting with U.S. soldiers in Paris, one that shook her belief that America always fought on "the side of the angels," Fonda said. But discovering her calling as an activist also was a profound personal moment.

"I had a child, I was in a marriage. But I felt lost and empty. And when these soldiers opened my mind ... I was like dry brush and they were this match and, whoosh," she said.





# In Milan, colors pop at Versace, MSGM, Etro

### By COLLEEN BARRY **Associated Press**

MILAN (AP) — Fashion may seem a respite for the cares of the world, but often it is actually an expression of them.

Designers in Milan this week are finding ways to express their concerns about the global affairs through their collections, in some cases purposely providing an escape but in others using textiles and seams to stitch together a story.

Milan Fashion Week on Friday held its third day of previews for next spring and summer with shows by Antonio Marras, Etro, MSGM and Versace.

### FREE-SPIRITED VERSACE

Donatella Versace is all about emphasizing the power of women and she does it on and off the runway. For this season's show, she assembled this generation's top models to tell her story but remembered also those who blazed the trail. Gigi and Bella Hadid, Kaia Gerber, Kendall Jenner and Irina Shayk headlined fast-paced show the show, and Versace allowed a significant pause before sending out the final model: 1990s supermodel Shalom Harlow. The looks the models sported gave a sense of fearlessness. The collection was free-spirited and youthful, featuring skin-tight silhouettes of the finest transparent printed tulle that lent itself to colorful layering. A bohemian-Gypsy vibe was created by floral silk head-scarfs, embroidered hosiery and the clashing patterns and layering. A dark net overlay easily takes the dress from day to night.

Power suits featured geometric checks and stripes, and shiny cropped leather rupting a tranquil life. jacket. Versace's heritage Marras mixed masculine wrap skirt-jacket combo. came out most strongly in body-hugging matte leather ensembles, and a series of trademark evening dresses in satin with golden accents.

NIKKI MINAJ VINTAGE VER-**SACE** 

Nikki Minaj held court in the Versace front row, patiently

but with overlays indicating turbulence and forced journeys. Marras said he was inspired by the story of an Ethiopian princess who

smock dress with a Victorian-era flair. More modern cues came in the form of a loose sweatshirt cape with leopard and reptile



A model wears a creation as part of the MSGM women's 2019 Spring-Summer collection, unveiled during the Fashion Week in Milan, Italy, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

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posing for photos as models made their final preparations back stage.

Minaj wore a plunging black leather Versace corset and a long gathered skirt in a bold primary color print for the fashion outing. The look was accessorized with a plaid tam o' shanter bonnet and matching scarf, acid green gloves and a chunky Versace chain. "It felt very Italy to me," she said. "I love the colors. It made me feel really happy. I always love colors, but this is very Versace, I feel. Very vintage. "

ANTONIO MARRAS' JOUR-**NEY INTO EXILE** 

Designer Antonio Marras stitched a story into his garwhile leather looks had ments for next spring and a tough-girl edge with a summer. It is a tale of exile, painted faux-python slit skirt of military demands inter-

> textiles, like camouflage Chiffon leopard prints are and denim, with feminine ruffled and pieced togethlaces, crochet work and er to create frothy details animal prints. The garments on the shoulders. are a patchwork, none with Delicate crochet work

was forced under Italian rule into exile with her children on an island near Sar-

"I think fashion can tell what is happening in the world. We are bombarded every day by images that are very strong. My work is to transfer the sensations I have inside onto textiles," he said.

Marras said the work started with a simple men's shirt, which he completely redefined, cutting long holes in the sleeves that he trimmed with big ruffles, adding shreds and cuttingroom castaways of khaki, reptile and leopard print to the bodice.

The workmanship is evident in the details. Ruffles and scraps are stitched meticulously together to create a collage of stripes, checks and neutrals on a mini-

a clearly defined silhouette was sewn into panels on a

accents, and a drop-waist dress with a black hoody T-shirt over a leopard skirt, held together by sheer black lace.

Marras added drama to the collection with enormous, sculptural mosquitonetting hats.

ETRO'S PACIFIC ZEN

The Etro woman is seeking Zen somewhere in the Pacific between California, Hawaii and Japan. In Veronica Etro's mind's eye, the destination is a fantastical Paisley island, recalling the brand's trademark print.

Etro said the collection explores the fluidity between the active West Coast lifestyle of surf and skateboard and the more meditative Asian martial arts disciplines.

"We melted these refer- worn with painted feather ences together to get this collection that I call Pacific Zen," Etro said backstage. The colors are bright but sophisticated, taken from kimono silks. A dreamy pattern of the sun on the water

on a strapless sheath dress can just as easily represent a California sunset as an Asian sunrise.

The looks have a contemporary edge that comes through in the silhouette, in particular a pagoda-tiered dress with a surfer's wetsuit bodice trimmed in ruffles. Relaxed patchwork denim looks with knitwear jackets and bikini tops played nicely against floral kimono tops with matching trousers.

Etro is one of the rare fashion houses to showcase swimwear, in this case modeled by real-life surfers Victoria Vergara and Maribel Kouke who carried their boards. Accessories included myriad shell jewelry, marking a comeback for the puka shell with luxury pearl and gold accents.

The family-run Etro brand is marking its 50th year with an exhibit opening Saturday at Milan's MUDEC museum.

MSGM'S **COLOR-BURST DREAMS** 

MSGM creator Massimo Giorgetti said his latest color-burst of a collection was inspired by dreams.

For next spring and summer, the designer turned away from lace-trimmed sweatshirts that were an early inspiration and focused on dresses.

"It is really like a new kind of attitude, and new kind of femininity," Massimo Giorgetti said backstage.

Pretty florals pop on long flowing dresses, tight legging outfits with matching sheer jackets and blur into a matching denim print. Giorgetti breaks down the colors into wrap dresses in blocks of orange, pink black and tan. Some are mini, showing off ankle cowboy boots with clear PVC panels.

The collection closed with a series of dreamy tie-dyes mini dresses, and layered with hoodies.

His overriding message was upbeat: "Sognare insieme," or "Dream together," emblazoned in Italian on the back of a jacket.



# A green beer that looks like algae? It's all for clean water

By JOHN SEEWER Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — There are spicy beers and even peanut butter beers, made to stand out on crowded shelves. Then there's a murky, green brew that looks a lot like algae. It's making a statement on the one ingredient brewers can't do without — clean water.

The ghastly-looking "Alegae Bloom" beer made by Maumee Bay Brewing Co., which relies on Lake Erie for its water, is a good conversation starter that reminds customers about the toxic algae that show up each year in the shallowest of the Great Lakes, said brewery manager Craig Kerr.

Workers came up with the idea last summer when a thick coat of algae settled into a creek alongside its brew house.

"We're going to keep doing this until the algae bloom isn't there anymore," Kerr said. "The goal is to never make this beer again."

Craft brewers nationwide are pushing for strong environmental regulations while also working to preserve rivers and streams, all in the



A glass of "Alegae Bloom" beer at Maumee Bay Brewing Co. in Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

**Associated Press** 

name of water. A growing number are getting involved at a time when the Trump administration is seeking to do away with a rule that a group of brewers

say protects water sources from pollution.

Some brewers, like Maumee Bay, are serving up seasonal batches to draw attention to pollutants that threaten Florida's aquifers and Colorado's mountain streams.

Mixing beer into debates over environmental policy adds levity to discussions about protecting the nation's waterways and helps connect with new audiences.

"We're reaching people where they drink," said Becky Hammer, of the Natural Resources Defense Council, who oversees the Brewers for Clean Water campaign, which has grown from a few dozen members to nearly 100 during the past five years.

The council has seized on the efforts by brewers to team up with them in lobbying against the repeal of an Obama-era clean water rule intended to reduce sources of pollution dumped in the small tributaries of larger lakes and

But that's not the only water issue that beer makers are worried about.

A group of brewers in Michigan voted this year to back shutting down an aging oil pipeline where lakes Huron and Michigan meet because it could be vulnerable to leaks.

"This is my livelihood," said Larry Bell, owner of Bell's Brewery. "It's a business issue for us, but it's also good for the community and society that we have clean water.

He got a close look at how vulnerable the water supply is after a pipeline spilled oil near his brewing facility in 2010.

Some craft breweries in Salem, Oregon, stopped making beer for several weeks in June after an algae bloom led to a drinking water warning for the young and sick.

lan Croxall, a co-owner of Santiam Brewing in Salem, said they could've stayed open, but customers were asking "if the beer was being made with toxic water." The brewery lost about \$40,000 and spent another \$5,000 on a new filtration system in case the toxins return, he said.

Craft brewers say it's their duty to protect the water they use. Beer is about 90 percent water, after all.

Atlanta's SweetWater Brewing Co. and Swamp Head Brewery in Gainesville, Florida, trace their involvement in clean water campaigns to founders

A group of brewers in who saw protecting the Michigan voted this year to environment as part of their back shutting down an agbusiness model.

But getting involved in clean-water politics can create sticky situations.

New Belgium Brewing Co. found that out three years ago when bars and restaurants in Craig, Colorado, began a boycott of its beer.

It turned out the company had given money for waterways projects to an environmental group involved in an unrelated court case that threatened to shut down a coal mine just outside the city.

"We felt compassionate and listened to them," said Katie Wallace, New Belgium's assistant director of sustainability. "Public perception is something we care about, but it doesn't change our overall view."

New Belgium, based in Fort Collins, Colorado, said it has given \$16 million to nonprofit groups, with a large chunk going toward water protection projects. It also has been one of the loudest voices calling for stronger environmental policies.

That means occasionally hearing from people telling them "stick to making beer."

"We didn't ask politics to get involved in beer," said Wallace. "But they did when our No. 1 ingredient is being threatened."



Brewery manager Craig Kerr stands inside the Maumee Brewing Co. in Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

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Bartender Rodney Shipp pours a can of "Alegae Bloom" beer at Maumee Bay Brewing Co. in Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.